



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 12, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 36 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 37 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 69.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 76.9 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 88.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City to 96.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 2.47 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 12, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	96	77	95	88
Corn, harvested	27	11	37	28
Cotton, setting bolls	100	99	97	96
Cotton, open bolls	29	17	19	17
Hay, second cutting	88	86	69	81
Rice, headed	100	97	100	97
Rice, mature	87	69	82	71
Rice, harvested	57	32	57	42
Sorghum, coloring	97	93	96	95
Sorghum, mature	86	75	83	76
Sorghum, harvested	14	(NA)	36	36
Soybeans, setting pods	100	99	99	94
Soybeans, turning color	36	21	55	33
Soybeans, dropping leaves	21	12	25	16
Soybeans, harvested	5	(NA)	8	2
Sugarcane, planted	11	5	16	14

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending August 12, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	11	34	44	9
Cotton	0	2	52	40	6
Livestock	2	8	35	49	6
Pasture	4	25	34	31	6
Rice	0	4	23	65	8
Sorghum	0	3	66	31	0
Soybeans	1	9	35	43	12
Sugarcane	1	6	35	45	13
Sweet potatoes	0	4	27	69	0
Vegetables	6	19	35	39	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn harvest started this past week with yields being average to slightly above average. Rain last Friday slowed down or stopped harvest for the day. Soybeans are beginning to finish off with little disease pressure. Insect pressure is low in soybeans, but with corn drying down, the potential for increased insect pressure is present. Sweet potatoes are sizing up nicely.”

—Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Rice, corn, grain sorghum, and early soybeans are being harvested. Yields have been reported mixed as early spring growing conditions were really tough, with droughty conditions for much of the reproductive stages. Rice yields have been good but pumping cost will be elevated due to drier than normal conditions. Livestock producers are becoming really concerned about making enough hay, as some areas have not received enough rain for the next cutting.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Very little sugarcane planting at this point. There has been a constant rain. About 40% of the soybeans have been harvested in the parish.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Martin Parish

“Scattered showers are helping to ease moisture stress on crops. Sugarcane planting is underway. Planting ratios hopefully will improve as sugarcane growth is accelerating with recent rains. Rice harvest is progressing between showers. Rice yields are average and quality seems good. Early soybeans hurt by dry conditions with yields coming up short of early expectations. Crawfish producers are planting and starting to flood rice. Bermuda grass hay producers are spraying for armyworms. Cattle producers are working and marketing calves.”

—Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Scattered showers has been normal over the past several days which is slowing down sugarcane planting as well as soybean and rice harvest. The rains coupled with hot and humid conditions is allowing for excellent sugarcane growth.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 12, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	96.3	73.3	84.8	82.6	2.2	0.03	1	-0.57	0.74	-1.88
Mooringsport	91.9	72.4	82.1	83.2	-1.0	0.88	2	0.18	3.30	0.55
Red River	92.1	72.3	82.2	83.4	-1.2	1.18	3	0.46	1.69	-1.33
Shreveport	94.0	71.6	82.8	83.1	-0.3	1.16	1	0.35	1.86	-1.81
Extreme/Average	93.6	72.4	83.0	83.1	-0.1	0.81	3	0.11	1.90	-1.12
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	92.7	69.9	81.3	81.1	0.2	0.36	2	-0.30	0.74	-1.64
Extreme/Average	92.7	69.9	81.3	81.6	0.2	0.36	2	-0.30	0.74	-1.64
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	89.0	71.3	80.1	82.6	-2.5	0.26	1	-0.46	1.52	-1.35
St Joseph	94.0	69.7	81.9	82.7	-0.9	0.27	2	-0.64	4.46	0.65
Tallulah	93.0	70.7	81.8	82.2	-0.4	0.54	1	0.24	2.77	1.77
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	92.0	70.6	81.3	82.6	-1.3	0.36	2	-0.29	2.92	0.36
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	90.6	70.3	80.4	81.7	-1.3	1.15	4	0.31	3.21	-0.04
Natchitoches	93.9	73.9	83.9	83.6	0.3	0.18	3	-0.46	3.15	-0.37
Extreme/Average	92.2	72.1	82.2	82.6	-0.5	0.66	4	-0.08	3.18	-0.20
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	91.3	71.9	81.6	83.6	-2.0	0.32	2	-0.68	1.56	-2.09
Bunkie	91.3	71.7	81.5	82.7	-1.2	1.39	4	0.58	2.49	-0.60
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	91.3	70.7	81.0	82.9	-1.9	0.41	3	-0.35	1.11	-1.85
New Roads	94.0	75.2	84.6	83.0	1.6	0.82	1	0.25	2.36	-0.75
Extreme/Average	92.0	72.4	82.2	83.3	-0.9	0.73	4	-0.05	1.88	-1.32
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.92	6	-0.31	2.31	-2.31
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.20	1	(NA)	2.60	(NA)
Slidell	90.5	74.3	82.4	82.0	0.4	0.08	1	-1.27	2.41	-3.69
Extreme/Average	90.5	74.3	82.4	82.0	0.4	0.40	6	-0.79	2.44	-3.00
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	90.0	72.8	81.4	82.5	-1.1	3.39	7	2.31	5.83	1.39
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	88.9	72.3	80.6	82.6	-2.0	2.51	7	1.36	4.28	0.03
Oberlin Fire	89.7	70.7	80.2	82.3	-2.1	1.52	6	0.49	2.72	-1.53
Extreme/Average	89.5	71.9	80.7	82.5	-1.7	2.47	7	1.39	4.28	-0.04
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	91.6	73.0	82.3	82.0	0.3	2.48	5	1.25	5.14	-0.07
Jeanerette	89.4	72.9	81.1	82.4	-1.3	1.51	4	0.11	3.27	-2.32
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	88.4	75.6	82.0	82.3	-0.3	1.80	5	0.15	4.95	-0.85
Extreme/Average	89.8	73.8	81.8	82.2	-0.4	1.93	5	0.50	4.45	-1.08
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	89.4	76.7	83.1	82.7	0.4	1.10	4	-0.74	7.05	-0.25
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.79	4	-0.69	2.82	-2.65
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	92.9	76.9	84.9	84.4	0.5	2.13	3	0.68	7.27	0.52
Extreme/Average	91.2	76.8	84.0	83.5	0.4	1.34	4	-0.25	5.71	-0.79
<b>State</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>-1.00</b>

(NA) Not available.  
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.  
DFN = Departure From Normal.